

Amendments to the Claims

1.) - 4.) canceled

5.) (previously presented) An underwater energy dampening device, comprising:
a first bubble producing unit, wherein said first
bubble producing unit comprises:
a tube support frame attached to said spine; and
a tube with holes, said tube being placed within
said frame;
a second bubble producing unit, said second bubble
producing unit being vertically spaced from said first
bubble producing unit;
one or more means for supplying gas to said first
bubble producing unit and to said second bubble
producing unit; and
a spine for supporting said first bubble producing unit
and said second bubble producing unit.

6.) (original) The device according to claim 5, wherein said means for
supplying gas to said first bubble producing unit and said
second bubble producing unit comprises:
at least one compressor; and
tubing attached to said compressor and to said first
bubble producing unit and to said second bubble
producing unit.

7.) (original) The device according to claim 6, additionally comprising a

frame for removable attachment to the top of said spine.

8.) (original)

The device according to claim 7, wherein said first bubble producing unit is vertically spaced from between three and five meters from said second bubble producing unit.

9.) (original)

The device according to claim 8, additionally comprising a third bubble producing unit, said third bubble producing unit being vertically spaced from said first bubble producing unit and from said second bubble producing unit.

10.) (original)

The device according to claim 9, additionally comprising a fourth bubble producing unit, said fourth bubble producing unit being vertically spaced from said first bubble producing unit, from said second bubble producing unit, and from said third bubble producing unit.

11.) (currently amended)

A method of dampening energy from an underwater project, comprising:

substantially surrounding all sides of a stationary project area with vertically spaced bubble producing units; and
producing bubbles through said units.

12.) (previously presented)

A method for dampening energy that is generated from an underwater energy source, comprising:

providing at least two devices according to claim 5;
surrounding said energy source with said devices;
and
producing bubbles through said devices.

13.) (previously presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein at least three devices according to claim 5 are provided and used to create bubbles.

14.) (previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein at least four devices according to claim 5 are provided and used to create bubbles.

15.) (currently amended) A system for dampening energy from an underwater project, comprising:
a plurality of vertically-spaced and vertically-aligned bubble producing units substantially surrounding said underwater project;
means for supporting said bubble producing units,
and
means for providing a gas to said bubble producing units.

16.) (previously presented) A device for dampening energy from a project that is conducted substantially underneath the water line of a waterway, comprising:
a spine placed substantially perpendicular to said water line;

a first bubble producing unit supported by said spine;
and
a second bubble producing unit support by said spine,
said second bubble producing unit being vertically
spaced from said first bubble producing unit.

17.) (currently amended)

A device for dampening energy from a project that is
conducted substantially underneath the water line of a
waterway, comprising:

a spine placed in a bed of the waterway;
a first bubble producing unit supported by said spine;
and
a second bubble producing unit supported by said
spine, said second bubble producing unit being
vertically spaced from said first bubble producing
unit.